

Attorney Docket: 15164
Serial No.: 10/083,666
Filed: February 27, 2002

REMARKS

With entry of the above amendments, claims 1-12 are pending in the application. All claims previously pending have been allowed by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability and Issue Fee Due mailed on April 19, 2004, for which the Applicants are grateful. This request for continued examination is being filed in lieu of payment of the issue fee so that the Examiner will have an opportunity to consider the amendments to claims 1, 2 and 6 above. Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the specification as originally filed; in particular on page 6, lines 15-20 and page 11, lines 4-8. Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments do not add new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims pending in the instant application are still patentable over the prior art of record. Favorable action with a further allowance of the claims pending in this application is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney below if he feels that doing so will aid in the prosecution of these claims.

Attorney Docket: 15164
Serial No.: 10/083,666
Filed: February 27, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

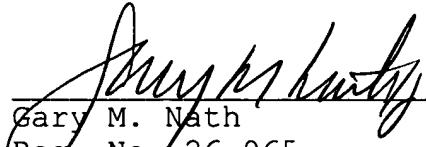
NATH & ASSOCIATES

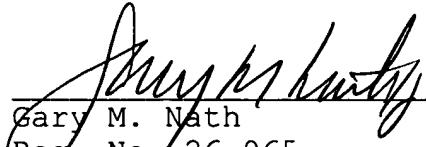
Date:

July 16, 2004

NATH & ASSOCIATES

1030 Fifteenth Street, N.W.
Sixth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005
Tel: (202) 775-8383
Fax: (202) 775-8396
GMN:JLM:sv/rce2.amd


Gary M. Nath
Reg. No. 26,965


Jerald L. Meyer
Reg. No. 41,194
Customer No. 20529